

Introduced by Senator Jackson

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to Planned Parenthood.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 19, as introduced, Jackson. Planned Parenthood: funding.

This measure would request the President and the Congress of the United States to express their support for access to comprehensive reproductive health care provided by Planned Parenthood and oppose efforts to eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is one of California's largest
2 providers of women's health care and reproductive health care
3 services, operating 115 community-based health centers across
4 the state, which service over 1.6 million patient visits a year; and
5 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood provides comprehensive health
6 care services to men and women, including well-woman exams,
7 birth control, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted
8 infections and HIV, pregnancy tests, life-saving cancer screenings,
9 prenatal care, sex education, primary care services in some
10 locations, and abortion services; and
11 WHEREAS, Nationwide, during 4.6 million health center visits
12 in 2013, Planned Parenthood provided services, including nearly
13 400,000 Pap smear tests, nearly 500,000 breast examinations,
14 nearly 1.1 million pregnancy tests, nearly 3.6 million provisions
15 of birth control information and services, and nearly 4.5 million
16 tests and treatments for sexually transmitted illnesses (including

1 HIV), to approximately 2.7 million patients, nearly 80 percent of
2 whom were living with incomes at or below 150 percent of the
3 federal poverty level; and

4 WHEREAS, By providing millions of women with access to
5 contraceptive services, public funding of Planned Parenthood helps
6 women to avoid an estimated 516,000 unplanned pregnancies each
7 year nationwide; and

8 WHEREAS, A sudden defunding of Planned Parenthood's
9 publicly funded clinics by federal or state governments would put
10 patients across California, particularly members of underserved
11 communities, at a significant disadvantage relating to their general
12 health care given that Planned Parenthood is often the only source
13 of health care services for so many Californians; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of California stands in strong opposition
15 to recent attacks on Planned Parenthood and other health care
16 providers that offer reproductive health care services; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
19 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the President of the
20 United States and Congress to express their support for access to
21 comprehensive reproductive health care provided by Planned
22 Parenthood and oppose efforts to eliminate federal funding for
23 Planned Parenthood; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
25 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
26 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
27 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
28 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
29 States.